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Applicant: Irick, Jr. et al

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With reference to your telephone conversation with Odessa Roberts today, please note the following was originally sent via facsimile on August 8, 2003 but the fax cover sheet is incorrect. The fax cover sheet identified the wrong docket number, serial number, title and inventor but the RCE transmittal and accompanying documents are correct. We are hereby re-submitting a new fax cover with RCE and accompanying documents.

Please acknowledge receipt of the following by return facsimile:

1. Fax cover sheet with confirmation originally sent August 8, 2003 - 2 pages;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) - 1 page;
3. Exhibits A-D (24 pages): A - 3 pages, B - 3 pages, C - 3 pages and D - 15 pages;
4. Request for Extension of Time - 2 pages;
5. Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 - 4 pages; and
6. Credit Card Payment Form 2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$850.00 - 1 page.

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Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Included herewith is a Request for a One Month Extension of Time and the RCE transmittal form. A \$ 850.00 payment for the Extension of Time (\$110.00) and the RCE filing fee (\$740.00) is enclosed in Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. In relation to the Final Office Action dated April 17, 2003, please consider the Amendment and Remarks that follow.